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1. Military Construction Agreement

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MILITARY

1. Military Construction Agreement. Ministry of Defense and Aviation (MODA) officials have been working with US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) officers to determine means of payment for first phases of military construction program consistent with USACE requirements and SAG fund availabilities. The Corps has come up with a three-stage payment plan for funding the program for the rest of the current Saudi fiscal year which appears to be acceptable to MODA representatives.

Meanwhile

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Meanwhile the Foreign Ministry has reviewed the entire proposed agreement, which was submitted in the form of a note on November 15, and has agreed to accept the US draft without changes. Saudi objections to some of the language were overcome by pointing out that parts of the agreement on status of forces were drawn verbatim from the TV Agreement signed about a year ago by SAG with the USACE.

COMMENT: Presumably the agreement will now have to be approved by the Council of Ministers but at the moment there seem no obstacles to signing by the Saudis. When this is done USACE will move ahead promptly to implement the program which will total \$100 million over a six-year period. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Press Items - International News. Headline attention and some commentary was devoted to the recent announcement that the USSR Supreme Economic Board was "freeing" some 400 factories from centralized control. The al-Madina headline read "Communist Planned Economy Has Failed!" (UNCLASSIFIED)

Reports on President JOHNSON's inauguration and the inaugural ceremonies were carried in several papers. A political commentary in Ukaz expressed the belief that President Johnson will follow the same humanitarian policy as did the late President KENNEDY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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